

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Newick Lawn Tennis Club held in the Clubhouse at 8.00pm on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 in the Clubhouse at Blind Lane Newick BN 8 4JT

Welcome by Chair - 16 Members present including Chair (Jenny Smerdon), Treasurer (Linda Whitworth) and Secretary (Hilary Bryan)

1) Apologies

Malcolm Young, Rachel Townsend, Gill Hemsley, Stephen Ward

2) Secretary's report of previous AGM

Agreed as a true record by all present and signed by Jenny, Chair.

3) Treasurer's report

The report for 2020/2021 on website and copy given to those present

- Subscriptions £9, 500 but income down
- £17,811 of grant money (Linda had to apply for the grants) from LDC during the pandemic have boosted funds and allowed the Club to proceed with floodlighting of the single court using the grants and Club funds. The floodlighting cost £16,000.
- £1,750 spent on cleaning courts and tennis balls
- Accounts show revenue refund
- LTA twice yearly of £600 for courts
- Monies in maintenance fund
- Club in a healthy position

Jenny thanked Linda for her financial report and Willi for auditing the accounts.

4) Chair's report

Covid has caused many in Newick to work from home and as a consequence the Club has benefited from new members wanting and needing exercise during the day. This has meant that the three courts have been in regular use by members playing singles and/or doubles while abiding by the guidelines issued by the LTA.

- The booking system is working well with some members booking regular slots for games
- Floodlighting of the single court has been installed and paid for from Club funds including the grants the Club has received from LDC who have been supporting Clubs and various societies during Covid 19. We have been very fortunate
- Horam League matches are taking place. 3 men and 3 women needed for weekly matches which Newick have mostly managing to field. More players would be great.
- Juniors/Seniors - coaches from Le Tennis at Maresfield Club. Busy year at Newick with Junior 3 squads on Saturday and Newick school on Wednesdays in year/ability groupings

- Kyria continues to coach the Newick ladies for an hour on a Tuesday morning - between 6/8 generally take part
- Tennis camps continue to be very successful at NTC during school holidays

Jenny thanked Tim and his coaches for improving the standards of our Junior and adult members.

- A big thank you to the Committee also Sussex League and Horam captains. They have not had an easy time organising matches within the guidelines
- Thanks to Paul Tonking for keeping the website up to date
- Thanks to Matt for strimming and cutting grass regularly and for pruning the trees and shrubs

5) Match captains reports

- Men's matches - TBA
- Ladies I and II teams - TBA
- Horam League - Newick 3 wins so far

Covid causing problems with matches but hope the Winter Sussex League 21/22 will take place as usual.

6) Subscriptions

It was agreed that subscriptions should remain the same as last year i.e.

- £130 Senior
- £235 Couples (partners)
- £275 Family
- Juniors/students £25
- £25 Parent (hitting) membership to help under 10's

Agreed unanimously. Payment due at end of June i.e. 30.06 21 (extra time to pay).

7) Committee for 2021/2022

All Committee members resigned.

New Committee: Jenny Smerdon, Linda Whitworth, Hilary Bryan, Gill Hemsley, Sam Boileau, Steve Curry and Andrew Rees with a proviso to co-opt member(s) to the Committee when necessary.

Unanimous agreement by all present

8) Future projects

- Practice wall which would be popular with juniors and seniors i.e. 10 mtrs x 20 mtrs needed. Not really enough room behind double court. Jenny has information about using part of the end court fencing as a wall when court not in use

- Padel tennis is becoming increasingly popular . LTA would support this initiative
- Clubhouse needs an overhaul especially the plumbing in toilets

9) AOB

Members questions

- To get more people playing it was suggested a ladder system mainly for doubles could be introduced again. Will be discussed at a committee meeting
- Coaching for members who wish to build up their confidence after not playing for a while(rusty racquets). Jenny will ascertain interest and contact Tim at Maresfield
- Sam B asked if the Club could find their own coach. Le Tennis at Maresfield provide coaches and coaching for juniors and adults. Most of the time it works. Jenny said it would be difficult to find a local coach able to do all that Club has at the moment but that she would contact the Sussex LTA for their advice
- LTA needs the Club to update its safeguarding policy. Courtney Williams, our safe-guarding officer, will look into what is required and report back to Chair
- After the incident on court involving a Lindfield player, it was agreed that the Club should install a defibrillator. Jenny to sort costing and if any funding can be obtained
- Committee will plan a BBQ when it is permitted and safe to do so

There being no other business or questions the meeting closed at 8.45pm